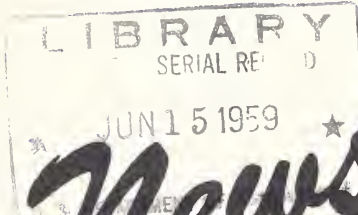


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# Newsletter



GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

May 1, 1959

To the Faculty, Committee Members and  
others associated with the Graduate School:

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| 5  | Faculty luncheon                                    | 12 noon | 6962 South Building  |
|    | Speaker - Dean John M. Daley, Georgetown University |         |                      |
| 13 | "Frontiers of Space Science"                        | 3 p.m.  | Jefferson Auditorium |
|    | Speaker - Robert M. Page, Naval Research Laboratory |         |                      |
| 29 | Close of spring semester                            |         |                      |
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At our faculty luncheon in May we resume the series of talks on higher education in the Washington area. The Reverend John M. Daley, S.J., has been Dean of the Graduate School of Georgetown University since 1954. He is a native of Philadelphia. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1935, did his undergraduate work at Loyola University in Chicago, and holds degrees from West Baden College, Woodstock College, and Georgetown. His doctor's dissertation, "Georgetown University: Origin and Early Years," was published by the Georgetown University Press.

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A bonus for those of us who found the SCIENCE lecture series of extraordinary interest will be given May 13 when Robert M. Page, Director of Research, Naval Research Laboratory, speaks in Jefferson Auditorium on "Frontiers of Space Science."

Dr. Page will survey physical research on extraterrestrial phenomena--the moon, neighboring planets, the sun, the local galaxy, other galaxies of the universe, and interstellar space. He will describe the very large radio telescopes, high altitude rockets, and satellites and other instruments that are making it possible for scientists to make exciting discoveries on the frontiers of space.

We are indebted to J. P. Schaenzer for this lecture. Mr. Schaenzer heard Dr. Page speak at a luncheon for Engineers, Scientists and Architects and told us at a recent meeting of the Graduate School Council that we should try to get him for a lecture here.

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HOW WE TEACH, a preliminary report of our discussions at the workshop at Kenwood Country Club, January 24, has been transcribed, edited, and mimeographed. We think every teacher on our faculty will find it interesting and helpful, whether you were a participant or have had only second-hand accounts of the day at Kenwood.

Of particular interest are the full notes on discussions at the four sections during the morning session. Each is prefaced by a summary of the main points brought together by Martin Kriesberg, who has edited the material.

Please call us if you would like to have a copy of the report.

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We are offering three new workshops this summer, led by men who are outstanding in their fields.

Charles J. Gebler, who is in charge of the Workshop in Nature Study Teaching Techniques, is supervisory park naturalist for the National Park Service. He holds an M.S. in Conservation from the University of Michigan.

Glenn D. Wagner, who with William S. Harris, will direct a series of three Paper Management Workshops, is a management analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Interior. He joined our faculty in 1955. Mr. Harris is chief of paperwork control in the National Archives.

John R. Garnett, who will conduct the Workshop in Interviewing, is chief of the employment branch, division of personnel management in the Office of the Secretary of Interior. Mr. Garnett has been a member of our faculty for the past two years.

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A sign of the times is that for the first time in many years, the demand warrants our scheduling a course in Elementary Russian, this summer. George M. Saharov, a member of our faculty since 1941, is teaching three classes in Elementary Russian, a review (non-credit) and the first half and second half concurrently. These second two will meet for 11 weeks. Another course ordinarily given only in the fall or spring is Introduction to Operations Research, given by Herbert Glazer of the Department of Defense.

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The enduring prospects of educational television were sketched by Ralph Steetle, Director of the Joint Council on Educational Television, at our faculty luncheon, April 7.

Dr. Steetle told us that 43 stations have been established. The 50 expected to be in operation by the end of this year represent not quite a fifth of the 258 channels reserved for educational use by the Federal Communications Commission.

The stations serve 70 million people. The management and programming varies from community to community. Among the more ambitious plans is a two year college course by television offered by the University of Chicago. The student who successfully completes the course is awarded an Associate of Arts.

Without exception, experience across the country has shown that television lectures do as well as face-to-face instruction when the technique is to show and tell. Television raises the quality of teaching in that those who program the courses seek out good teachers, give them adequate time to prepare their plans, and assist them with visual aids.

Dr. Steetle predicts that more and more commercial stations will offer educational programs because the world of ideas on which these programs are based is the only inexhaustible source of material.

We are indebted to Layne Beaty, USDA Radio and Television Service, for obtaining Dr. Steetle.

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"Agriculture in World Affairs" is the title of a lecture series now being planned for fall by a committee under the leadership of Assistant Secretary Clarence Miller. Assisting him are Emerson Brooks and Cannon C. Hearne, who proposed the series, Gustave Burmeister, G. E. Hilbert, W. Middlebaugh, Max Myers, Clarence D. Palmby, C. M. Ferguson, Byron T. Shaw, Harold Vogel, R. Lyle Webster, and O. V. Wells.

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We hope there is a bright young man or woman of your acquaintance who can qualify and is interested in a Graduate School scholarship. The General Administration Board grants scholarships annually in the form of free tuition for one course. The scholarship applications are allocated among Government agencies on the basis of agency enrollment the preceding year. Remind your friends who may have an interest in the scholarship that the deadline for filing an application with the personnel office of the agency where he works is May 15.

Final selections will be made by a committee composed of Frank S. Caracciolo (Navy), Jack C. Kern (Agriculture), Benjamin J. Ludwig (D. C. Government), and Ethel W. Morgan (Treasury).

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They are not for sale but we hope you will find them so tempting you will want to put them to use. I refer to the books, records, and other material from the Fund for Adult Education on display in my office. They deal with a number of different subjects from "Looking at Modern Painting" to "Economic Reasoning." They are designed for use in small discussion groups being encouraged by the Fund to promote liberal adult education. If you haven't seen the display, please come by and look through. We hope that some of you will be inspired to organize discussion groups in which the material will be used.

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We have been fortunate to obtain another highly qualified counselor to replace Paul MacMinn, whose out-of-town assignments in connection with the new National Defense Education Act, has made it necessary for him to resign his post with us. Timothy E. Smith, who is taking his place, is an educational counselor at George Washington University. He did his undergraduate work at Swarthmore, obtained his M.A. from Montclair State Teachers College, and has done graduate work at the University of Maryland and G.W. He has had wide experience as a counselor.

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Constance G. Coblenz represented the Graduate School at the meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in Pittsburgh, the week of April 20. Vera Jensen is representing the School at the National Association of College Stores in New York, April 25-30.

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Did you know that pay increases for almost one out of three Federal employees are made "inconspicuously and regularly under prevailing rate 'wage board' procedures"?

This information and an illuminating discussion of the complex and numerous systems for setting pay and for pay administration for blue collar workers can be found in "The Federal Wage Board Program," a two-part article in the October '58 and January '59 issues of PUBLIC PERSONNEL REVIEW. The author is J. Kenneth Mulligan, who teaches Wage Administration and Advanced Wage Administration, in the Graduate School.

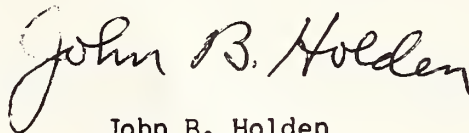
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Our good wishes to Ralph F. Koebel and Nicholas J. Oganovic who, because of illness, have had to give up teaching for the remainder of the semester.

Mr. Koebel teaches Legal Aspects of Investigation - Criminal Evidence and Procedure. We have been fortunate to obtain Elmer O. Mostow of the General Counsel's Office, USDA, to teach during the rest of the term.

Mr. Oganovic teaches Public Personnel Administration. Members of Mr. Oganovic's staff will complete the semester for him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John B. Holden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

John B. Holden  
Director